

Corp. v. Salomon S.A. 52 USPQ 2d 1001, 1004. Since this is true, such limitations must have a limiting effect.

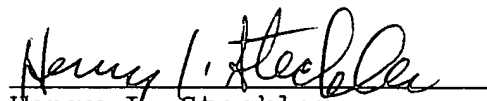
Thus the objection to claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-19, 21-24, 27-32, 35-39, and 41-45 under 37CFR 1.75 (c) should be withdrawn.


Since functional elements must be considered, supra, and since none of the references disclose these elements, the rejection of claims 1-39 under 35 USC 102 or Whitney et al. and claims 40-45 under 35 USC 102 on Herbert should be withdrawn.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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